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## COUNTY NEWS News of each Community Gathered each week by Our Rustling Associate Editors

### Poisons Self With Acid

Newport, Oregon.—(Special) This community was shocked Sunday evening to learn of the untimely and unexpected death of Mrs. Lester Martin, Sunday Mrs. Martin stayed at home all day on account of a slight cold. At about 10:30 o'clock that evening she complained of having a sore throat. While Mr. Martin was building a fire in the kitchen stove to prepare her some coffee she stepped on a chair in the kitchen saying she was going to get some medicine off the shelf—a gargle her mother had prepared. On the shelf there was a two ounce bottle containing a small quantity of red medicine, about one-fourth full. Mr. Martin said this bottle had been on the shelf a long time. He told his wife not to take any medicine not labeled. He also said not to gargle her throat out of the bottle, so he gave her a wine glass to use. She said to her husband, "You know I can't gargle." She then asked him to make her a cup of hot coffee. She then asked him if she would have to take a dose of salts and he told her yes. At this time she was still standing on the chair in the kitchen. Mr. Martin then went into the sitting room to build a fire because his wife was complaining of being chilly. "In making the fire," said Martin, "I blacked my fingers and went to the sink to wash. My wife was just then coming into the sitting room. Just before she started in I heard her spit in the sink—a thing she never did before. I went to the sink and it smelled like carbolic acid. By this time she had laid down on the bed in the sitting room. She said 'I am awfully sick.' She raised up and attempted to vomit. She put her fingers in her mouth to aid in vomiting. She turned on her face but could not vomit. She then put her hands on my shoulders, looking me strangely in the face and pushed herself back in bed. She never spoke after that but went into a comatose and unconscious state and died in about two hours. From the time she took the medicine she thought was a gargle till she became unconscious was three or four minutes. I kissed her and then I smelled the odor of carbolic acid on her breath. I went into the kitchen where she had placed the little glass bottom up on the shelf and smelled the carbolic acid. Where the mouth of the glass rested on the shelf it left a small ring the same color as the medicine in the two-ounce bottle. I took a tooth pick and removed a small particle of the medicine that had come out of the bottle and placed it on my lip and it burned the lip, but the color of the burn was dark. I gave her the small wine glass that she used. It seems evident that the large and small glass contained the same medicine that was in the small bottle that she mistook for the throat gargle. It had the same color and the same odor. I moved this same bottle on the shelf Sunday morning and it had the same red color. It had no label and I did not know what it was. It had been on the shelf at least a year." This is the statement of Mr. Martin, and he was the only one present until Mrs. Martin became unconscious. Several witnesses were examined and the glass and bottle containing the medicine were on exhibition for the coroner's jury to examine. This is the verdict of the coroner's jury: "We, the jury empaneled to investigate the cause of the death of Mrs. Lester Martin, find from the evidence produced that deceased came to her death by accident caused by her own hands. Signed, A. Schumaker, foreman, C. A. Arnson, M. A. Abbey, Chas. Welch, Elmer Patrick, M. Walk-smouth, O. R. Hillingsworth, coroner." Dr. Fawcett was called but too late to render any assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the mother and step-father of Mrs. Martin, and her two little brothers came in from Portland Tuesday evening. This

sad and bereaved family has the sympathy and friendship of the entire community in this sad bereavement. The funeral services were held at the undertaking parlors of Hollingsworth & Hartley, conducted by Rev. F. O. Jones, of the Episcopal Church, and the interment took place in the Eureka cemetery. Mrs. Martin was a vivacious, pleasant woman, loved and respected by all who knew her. Her cheerful disposition and sprightly manner will long be remembered by the people of Newport. A large number of friends and neighbors attended the funeral. The floral offerings were choice and delicate, in keeping with the life and character of deceased. She is survived by her husband, mother, step father, and two little brothers.

T. B. Mahler of Victoria, B. C., who has been here for a week getting information and looking over the kelp fields with a view of starting a kelp factory, departed today for Portland. While here the city council held a special meeting to consider the proposition of leasing a piece of water front large enough for Mr. Mohler to put his buildings on. The question was discussed for some time. Finally the council agreed to lease 120 feet of water front providing Mr. Mohler would build a kelp factory on it. The lease is to run 30 years and Mr. Mohler is to operate the plant seven months in the year and to manufacture so many tons of kelp each month. The consideration for the lease will be the nominal sum of one dollar per year. Whenever this lease is properly signed by the company the work of construction of the buildings will commence. The work will require about twenty-five men. Mr. Mohler was pleased with the spirit with which the people of Newport responded to his request. The plot of land is nicely located, just above the city docks. To Hon. B. F. Jones belongs the credit of inviting Mr. Mohler to come here.

The engines of the Ahwaneda broke down while the vessel was off the mouth of Umpqua river in one of the worst gales of the season. She beat and sailed for two days and got up opposite the Yaquina bay Tuesday morning. The power boat with the life saving crew and the Ollie S. made two attempts to go out Tuesday, but the bar was so rough they could not go. But Tuesday evening the power boat got out and stayed all night with the Ahwaneda. The vessel was anchored near the fairway buoy. It was a hard night. The great swells and big waves kept the vessel tossed all night. Wednesday she was towed in by the Ollie S. The vessel was entirely helpless so far as the engines were concerned. I tell you the captain and crew were glad to get back on terra firma again.

On the 25th of this month the Women of Woodcraft will make a fraternal visit to the lodge at Toledo. The Ollie S. will take the party up there, about 25 members.

### CHITWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wilson have moved back to their home-stead and Mr. Wilson has bought a new Jersey cow.

Mrs. Nora Irvin and son, Eldred, left for Toledo one day last week.

Mrs. Emma Wood went to Summit Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Beulah Gilbert left for Albany Saturday.

Prof. J. E. Davis closed his term of school up on Simpson creek Thursday.

The Chitwood Development League met at Ezra Steinmetz' residence and held a business meeting Monday evening.

### FOR RENT

60 acres, 5 acres bottom land, 4-room house, running water in house, fruit trees, chicken house and barn. Reasonable rent. Get off train at Storrs.

Chris Hanson, Elk City, Or.

### Local Fair At Harlan

Harlan, Oregon.—(Special) We are trying to talk up a local fair to be held when the little seeds we are putting in the ground get to be cabbage, squash, etc. Mr. L. J. Allen, of the extension department of O. A. C., perhaps better known as State Pig Club Agent, came over the 10th of April and spent four days on Big Elk going as far down as Salado. The people welcomed him gladly and there was a general interest in his work and for a fair. The boys and girls were especially interested and many declared their intention of taking up pig and poultry raising, canning, sewing, etc., and later on hope to get someone from the College to demonstrate canning for them. On Wednesday a meeting was held at the Grant schoolhouse with a picnic dinner and in the afternoon Mr. Allen gave a very instructive talk on many problems of interest and answered many questions, after which a general discussion was held. The room was then darkened and Mr. Allen showed some interesting pictures along the line of his work. There was about thirty-five present.

Friday was the closing day of the Black school, taught by Miss Walcott, and the Mountain Side school, taught by Miss Jensen, and they joined schools in the Black district and the parents and friends came in with a bountiful dinner and after that important part had been enjoyed, the pupils of the two schools assisted by some of the local talent gave a very interesting program, followed by Mr. Allen, who gave a talk and showed the pictures on his work and both old and young were much interested, and we all thank him for his many praises of our beautiful valley and soil, which he assures us, can't be beat. We were expecting Mr. Goin to be here with Mr. Allen and were disappointed that he did not get here.

Chas. Cator lost a valuable horse this week. He was working it and the horse died suddenly, apparently from heart failure.

Mrs. Chas. Godley and two small sons are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Grant.

Earl Jacobs is visiting his parents. He has been working at Coos bay and is returning to his home-stead in Montana.

Most of our young men contemplate going to the logging camps as soon as the crops are in.

A box social was held at the Black schoolhouse last week. Thirteen dollars were taken in, eight of which was used for the minister's salary and five was used to get Miss Walcott, teacher of that district and Miss Jensen of the Mountain Side district, a present, which was a silver plate for each with her initials on it.

Mrs. Crooks and son of Drift creek visited at the B. F. Grant home Monday night, going to Philomath on Tuesday's stage to visit relatives.

### WINANT

Somebody must have been praying for rain. It seems that way. I guess their prayer was answered by the looks of the weather.

Trace Huntsucker, Gordon and Henry Emerson left Saturday morning for Nemah, Wash., where they will work in the logging camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shermer called at the D. Huntsucker home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sugg spent Sunday at the Frank Whitney home in Yaquina.

It is reported that the Whitneys will move into their new house in the last of the month.

Mike and Henry Shermer, V. D. Boone and daughter, Alma, went to Toledo Friday. The latter is working for Mrs. Julia Parker, who has been on the

sick list for the past few days. Burl King, accompanied by Dr. Highlander of Newport, called at the former's home here Monday.

Mrs. Frank Shermer and children, accompanied by Cara Boone, attended Sunday school at Poole slough Sunday.

Mrs. John Sugg and son spent a few minutes at the Boone home Saturday evening.

George Lewis made a trip to Newport Saturday.

Pete Peterson, Leo Shermer and John Emerson were in this vicinity Sunday.

John Barkus, Francis Ferr and Clarence Ridgeway made a flying trip to Mill creek Sunday.

Jesse Reeder and little daughter, Helen, made a trip up Poole slough Saturday.

Lloyd Lewis spent Saturday night with John Emerson. Say, girls, get busy! John is a bachelor now. Its leap year, too.

### School Closes With Good Program

Upper Beaver.—(Special) Our school closed April 7th after a very successful 6-months' term, taught by Mrs. Hester Covert. The following delightful program was well rendered: Playlette, "The Coming of Spring"—Evalina Peterson impersonating "Spring" and Virgil Rhoades as "Winter" were the leading characters, while the remaining sixteen players were all very charming in the roles of Flower Fairies, Snow Fairies, Sunshine Fairies, etc. The play was followed by a Ribbon Drill beautifully executed by eight little girls in their fairy costumes. Those taking part in this drill were Alice Huntsucker, Donna Martin, Aletha and Alpha Rhoades, Hester Peterson, Jessie and Pauline Vancil and Charlotte Koch. This was followed by a song by the school. "The Wax Doll" recitation and song, by Pauline Vancil; Gun Drill by 7 boys, Virgil Rhoades, captain, Jimmie Huntsucker, Floyd Rhoades, Adolph Peterson, Sew-ton Huyett, Ira and George Huntsucker, dialogue, "Tattle-Tales," Hester Peterson and George Huntsucker. Instrumental music, Aletha Rhoades. Song, "Woman's Rights" four girls and four boys. Recitation, "The Candy Lion," Robbie Huyett. Song, "Dancing Fairy" Jessie Vancil, Alpha Rhoades, Donna Martin, Charlotte Koch, Bobbie Huyett, Jimmie Koch, Newton Huyett. Recitation, "Two Boxes" Alpha Rhoades. "Popcorn Song" Jessie Vancil and Donna Martin. Instrumental music, Charlotte Koch. Vacation Song, School. All the visitors expressed themselves as much pleased with the entire program. The attendance was not as large as was expected on account of the men of the neighborhood all being employed on the road work.

### LITTLE ELK

April showers seem to be the order of the day. Everyone is so busy here now there is no time for anything to happen, so items from this part of the county are scarce this week.

Old Man La Grippe is making his second visit to Little Elk valley now.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Prof. John R. Miller. The pupils are getting along well with their studies.

S. T. Loudon is having the brush slashed along the creek through his place. It makes things look more attractive. Sam says he had to either get rid of the brush or move out.

On account of bad weather road work has been discontinued but our road boss will resume work as soon as the weather is permissible.

Frank Casady went to the Valley last Wednesday where he will work during the Summer. It will only be another year or two until Frank will have his ranch so improved that he will be able to stay at home and make a living without going away to work.

Mr. Crocker is building fence along the road on his place. A much needed improvement, for he can pasture his own stock without pasturing other stock.

Our young folks are busy practicing their pieces and songs for the Easter program next Saturday at the regular grange meeting. From the way everything looks now there will be a fine program.

John Abbey passed through here last Monday with a large drove of cattle. Considering the hard winter and the scarcity of hay his cattle looked fine. He bought the most of them on the Siletz.

There will be a dance at the Eddyville grange hall Friday evening, May 5th. There will be good music; good floor; good management, and a good supper and a good time insured. All are invited to come. Remember the date, Friday night, May 5th.

### FIEGLES CREEK

Dr. Cox, who has been rust-cating here and at Robt. Black's at Harlan, returned to Albany Friday.

Isaac Boies is doing a right smart bit of work on his place. Riley Young is plowing for Mr. Boies and Z. A. Kessi this week.

Fred Scheddler, who has been employing Chas. Lindley to help him make his place livable, started for California Tuesday on a business trip.

Chas. Lindley visited at Peak last week.

Clarence Davis and Edward Briggs visited Sunday here.

Smith Allison gave a dance and card party at his Harlan home in honor of his father and T. J. Buford. The occasion celebrated the birthdays of each by coincidence.

Jay Buford and Frank Allison furnished the music. About 40 people were present to enjoy the splendid collation.

Frank Mulvany and Chas. Lindley are doing quite a bit of fencing in order to pasture cattle.

### RIVERSIDE V

Leave it to Big Elk to originate a good time. The party at F. H. Lang's was a great success. There was in the neighborhood of seventy-five jolly fun-makers. A very nice program was delivered, including the German song by Mr. Leon and Miss Clarice Lang. The Robin song by the three young children and the Umatilla Indian feather dance by the Big Elk boys. Duet by Jesse Daniel and Jesse Phillips. Buck and wing dance by Vern, Ray and Gerald Calkins followed by a clog dance by their sister, Mrs. Jesse Daniel. A. N. Lapham delivered a recitation that made a big hit. There were also several other recitations that were grand. Every moment during the night was a busy one, especially when the supper hour arrived. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and were overjoyed with the time they had. Miss Bess Gillett of Corvallis attended the party, also A. N. Lapham of the same place.

R. E. Grant of Glen passed by here on his way to Harlan Tuesday.

The gardens in this vicinity seem pretty slow on account of the cold weather, I guess.

Mr. Ullman made a trip to Elk City Monday.

### TAFT

G. S. Parmele and family have returned home, and are putting the sawmill and donkey in running order. The donkey whistle is heard already. They tell us the sawmill will whistle next week.

The Enterprise passed out over the bar Thursday morning. Its cargo consisted of potatoes and moss.

Hoyt Parmele made a trip to Newport and Toledo the first of the week. He says things look good to him in Lincoln county.

Elbert Knight, Jr., has rented the Jesse Farrin place.

Mrs. Amon Bones made Leona and Mrs. John Bones a visit last week.

Mrs. Derby and Miss Nellie Nixon were guests of the Tompkins people Sunday.

The Lower Schooner Creel school closed last Friday with a grand picnic.

### UPPER BEAVER

Miss Mae Huntsucker of Yaquina is visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wachsmuth of Newport were guests at the Peterson ranch Monday.

J. C. Huntsucker and son, James, were Yaquina visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. H. G. Rhoades and daughters, Aletha, Alpha and Hilda, and Mae and Alice Huntsucker and Evalena and Hester Peterson called on Mrs. Bowers Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and mother were guests at the Rhoades home Sunday.

### BEAR CREEK

A. B. Slocum is doing some farming over on the Siletz.

Ottilla Young and Marie Slocum, who are both attending school at Elk City, went home Friday night to spend Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

Henry Stadelman went to Elk.

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### MOHAIR GROWERS NOTICE

The Eddyville Mohair Pool will sell on Monday, April 24th, immediately after the arrival of the west bound train. All persons wishing to sell mohair in this pool are requested to notify the secretary as to how many fleeces they have, at their earliest convenience. All hair must be delivered at Eddyville not later than Monday, April 24th.

W. F. Wakefield, Secy.

### DANCE

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT At 10 O'F Building Dancing Commences 9 P. M. Good Music Good Floor

Horse shoeing at the Red Front Blacksmith Shop. F. W. Carson, proprietor.